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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RÉSPONSE TO ACTION DATED JANUARY 9, 2001

This response is being filed within two (2) months of the January 9, 2001 mailing date of the Final Office Action for this application.

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Applicant's remarks, below, are preceded by quotations of the related comments of the examiner, in small, bold-face type.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless--

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Best, of record. The criteria for the counterfeit coins can be prevented from being

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